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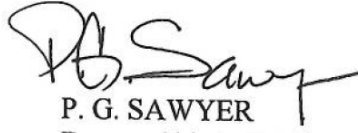
From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATION ORDERS AND PLANS OF NAVY COMPONENT COMMANDERS

1. Purpose. To standardize the distribution of Operation Orders (OPORD) and Operation Plans (OPLAN) of Navy component commanders to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). This instruction is being reissued with a new date, updated version and signature authority to comply with NAVADMIN 268/18, which requires Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) instructions be less than 10 years old.
2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 3121.1E.
3. Scope and Applicability. All Navy component commanders shall ensure links to the current revision of all orders and plans listed in paragraph 4 are available on their Secret Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNET) or Nonsecure Internet Protocol Router Network (NIPRNET) as appropriate.
4. Action. Navy component commanders shall make the following orders and plans available to the CNO via SIPRNET or NIPRNET.
 - a. Standing OPORDs and OPLANs of fleet and task force commanders in operational control of important phases of major fleet exercises.
 - b. OPORDs and OPLANs other than those above are at the discretion of the commanders concerned. OPORDs concerning routine movements, type, and refresher or shakedown training exercises are not required.
5. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Manual 5210.1 of September 2019.
6. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Director for Operations and Plans (N3) will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for ten years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the ten-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9.

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Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1.



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Releasability and distribution:

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